



# TOWN OF FREDERICK M E M O R A N D U M

## Police Department

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TO: Derek Todd, Town Administrator

FROM: Gary Barbour, Chief of Police

DATE: October 30, 2009

**SUBJECT: Animal Control Costs – 2009**

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The 2009 contract for services of the Longmont Humane Society was based on experience for 2007 and 2008. Based on the number of animals taken to the shelter in the year 2008 (and the part of 2007 covered by contract) it was estimated that \$4,500 would cover expenses for 2009. That amount was paid in January of 2009 and, so far, has covered the costs that have been tracked monthly. There have been a few animals that we have disputed our responsibility for and the society has made the appropriate adjustment to the records. When the full amount has been exhausted then payments will be made for the remainder of the year on a per animal basis. -

The Town also maintains a contract with Aspen Meadow Veterinary Specialists in Longmont for emergency veterinary care of animals that come into our possession. It is infrequent that such services are needed but when they are it is usually in the middle of the night. Aspen Meadow is open for emergency care all night. The contract calls for a standard \$125 to be paid for each animal treated at Aspen Meadow. I believe that anyone with personal experience of the costs that can be incurred with a pet will appreciate that this is a good deal. Any animal that is ill or injured must be provided veterinary care before the shelter will accept it.